GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
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PRODUCTION OF RAW CASHEWNUTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of raw cashewnuts produced in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken to promote cashew plantation in the country;

(c) whether the Government propose to purchase raw cashewnuts from farmers at the reasonable price;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The State-wise details of raw cashewnuts produced in the country is given in the statement at Annexure-I.

(b): The Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Managementin Agriculture-Supplementation/Complementation of State Efforts through Work Plans underwhich assistance for development of various horticultural crops including cashew is being provided. Under this scheme the State Governments can priorities their programmes as per the felt need and requirement.

(c) to (e): There is no proposal of the Government to purchase raw cashewnuts from the farmers. Cashew is being a horticultural crop, it is covered under the Market Intervention Scheme wherein market operations is done on the request of State Governments.

Annexure-I

State-wise production of raw cashewnut in India

S.No.	State	Production (000 tonnes)		
		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
1	Andhra Pradesh	75.00	86.00	98.00
2	Goa	25.00	30.00	31.00
3	Karnataka	42.00	40.00	44.00
4	Kerala	76.00	87.00	94.00
5	Maharashtra	98.00	103.00	115.00
6	Orissa	59.00	59.00	55.00
7	Tamil Nadu	59.00	46.00	50.00
8	West Bengal	NA	7.00	7.00
9	Others	16.00	12.00	12.00
	Total	450.00	470.00	506.00